



Minutes arising from Board of Directors Teleconference

Date: July 6, 2005

On-line: Dan Paleczny, Tony Turner, Tom Beechey, Robert Hélie, Sian French, Martha Gorman, Claire Gosson

Regrets: John M., Ed, Bas, John Vandal

Teleconference started at 1:00 pm EST

Teleconference ended at: 3:00 pm EST

1) Approval of minutes from June 1 telecon

- Minutes approved (motioned by Claire, seconded by Dan)

Action items outstanding:

All Action items have been addressed

Point arising from item 4:

Sian raised a point concerning the PA status report to the effect that Parks does not list heritage sites. She argued that such sites, like l'Anse aux Meadows in Newfoundland, also have a considerable conservation value.

ACTION: Robert to raise it with Marc Johnson and report back to the Board

2) Announcement by Dan Palezny

Dan announced his departure from OMNR for a period of three years for a IUCN assignment overseas. His replacement will likely be Eva Kennedy, to be confirmed later. Options are available for Dan to remain as Director on the Board or as an Associate Director.

Everyone on the Board warmly congratulated Dan.



3) National PA Status report update

The review of the current survey design and questions led to detailed comments. Marc Johnson will need some time to incorporate these comments. A teleconference is planned for the 12th of July for the PA strategy steering committee. Marc attended the PRFO meeting recently and reported strong support. He received comments to the effect that, given the importance of this work, so few resources are directed to it.

CCEA should perhaps communicate this concern to Environment Canada in a formal letter outlining the importance of this work and the lack of resources to see it through.

The next iteration of the survey will be distributed to all jurisdictions.

4) PA National Atlas Framework update

The 1:1M framework is progressing well. The map should be completed in the fall.

A subset of CCAD will be used to document the map and will be dated accordingly. It will remain as attribute data for the 1:1m framework map even after CCAD is replaced by CARTS. Future versions of this map will be documented directly from CARTS.

On the occasion of the National Atlas anniversary next June (2006), a series of poster maps will be produced. One theme of interest is protected areas. Talks are underway to use the completed 1:1M national framework layer coupled with available attributes from CARTS as source material for the more generalized poster map (about 1:8M).

The 1:1M product will be an ideal showcase for protected areas in Canada, and a communication tool for CCEA to share with jurisdictions and collaborators involved with Council.

The Poster map will provide access to an even wider audience to raise awareness for conservation efforts across the country. The 100 years anniversary could also be a great occasion to officially launch CARTS.

Action Item:

- 1. Robert:** to draft a letter from CCEA to the National Atlas reiterating it's official support. Robert also is to finalize the jurisdictions permission process.
- 2. Claire:** To mail out examples of the poster map to the Board members.



3. Tony/Robert: Write a short update for the web site (1:1M framework and poster map)

5) Nominating Committee Update

Comprised of Tom, Claire, Tony and Martha. Tom has approached Diane Griffin of PEI to discuss the CCEA chair. She has shown an interest but would wish to come aboard as a Director before committing herself to the Chair.

Tony believes that this will alleviate conflict of interest concerns in his work place.

There is also a need to keep a standing nominating committee to replace Directors whose appointment comes to an end periodically. This will provide a permanent maintenance of CCEA Board and keep the process active to renew Directors and the Chair.

ACTION: 1. Nominating committee to have a teleconference before the next teleconference.

2. Tom to send an information package to Diane.

6) Web site

There was a discussion on the material Dan sent out recently concerning the web site and its contents. The site is getting many hits and seems to be very popular, especially toward the end of the school year. The Ecozones page is the most popular of the site and CCEA is considering improving that interface. Libby is working with David Gauthier on the contents of Today in History. Libby is also updating the Bulletin Board. She will join us at our next teleconference. She may be in a position to do the layout for the next newsletter. Compensation will need to be provided.

There is still a need to scan CCEA documents and finish what Leigh has started.

Action item:

Tony/Dan: to ensure that Libby and Eva are invited to the next teleconference.
(Robert away on holiday until August 15)

Tony: to provide update of CARTS for website to Libby



6) AGM 2005

The Board discussed the possibility of a scaled down AGM which would include the Board and the jurisdictions. Such a small event could be hosted by Manitoba, where Helios has previously been approached to host a meeting.

Tom mentioned the PRFO meeting scheduled for May '06 which will have an international theme. CCEA would bring an national profile to the theme.

We could also have our AGM with the Next EMAN Science Meeting in Penticton, BC in November. This would also coincide with the CSLEM annual meeting.

The standing AGM committee (Tony, Claire, Robert) will keep discussions going.

7) Other Business

Tom mentioned a potential regionally research program being explored by Parks Canada. The "cooperative study units" might serve as regionally based integrative units for CPC. Tom will keep council informed as this initiative unfolds.

8) Next Call

Next conference calls will be held on **August 3 from 1:00 to 2:30 pm EDT.**

The remaining Teleconference dates for 2005 are:

	Sept. 7	Nov. 2
Aug 3	Oct. 5	Dec. 7

End of minutes

Compiled by: Robert Hélie and Tony Turner